**REMARKS** 

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 37-44, 46-65 and 67-70 are

acknowledged and appreciated. Solely in order to expedite prosecution of this application, claims

45 and 66 have been canceled, without prejudice/disclaimer to the subject matter embodied thereby,

so that only allowed claims are pending. Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office

Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is

respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or

an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone

number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby

made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit

account.

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